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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 7 September 1955, units of one of the mechanized regiments stationed in Karpis returned to the installation from a 12-day exercise in the Ahbeck-Luschow-Muth area. The tank battalion of the regiment entered the installation with approximately 25 T-34 tanks and 2 SU-100 guns. According to KVPs, the battalion numbered some 240 men. 25X1
2. The AA Machine Gun Co of the regiment, which had also left for the above mentioned exercise, was transferred from the training area to Zingst for firing practices on 27 August. Since requirements in firing and firing at balloons could not be met (sic), the company returned to the installation ahead of time on 30 September.
3. On 9 September, the regiment received 46 recruits. After the arrival of the recruits, the strength of the regiment had allegedly slightly increased as compared with the status prior to the discharges in the spring of 1955. The regimental school numbered some 250 men.
4. In accordance to a decision by the Council of Ministers, the bulk of the units stationed in Karpis were employed on the harvesting of potatoes and turnips after 10 September. Among other units, the tank units remained in the installations in order to overhaul their vehicles. The staff exercise of a regiment, which was scheduled to be held between 12 and 16 September, had to be cancelled because of harvest employment.
5. The discharge of personnel who completed their term of service in the fall of 1955, was to terminate prior to 31 October.
6. During the night of 23/24 September, the AAA Unit Rau returned to Altwarp from firing practices at Kuchlungsborn. In the morning of 24 September, 24 x 37-mm AA guns, 22 AA machine guns and some 30 motor vehicles were stored in the installation. Motor vehicles and guns were given a thorough cleaning; some were put on blocks. During the night of 25/26 September, the unit except for a guard detail of approximately 60 men left for the Tetersw-Malchin area.

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7. Except for some 20 men, the Driving School Unit Hecker, which in mid-September numbered some 300 to 350 men, was employed in the harvesting of crops in the Teterow-Walchitz area after 23 September.

8. On 25 September, busin [redacted] which consisted of 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars with sidetracks went from Hengersdorf to Eggenin.<sup>2</sup>

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9. [redacted] Comments. The beginning of the exercises was reported in [redacted] For information on the existence of SU-100 guns with the Horn Dept, [redacted] confirmation by deserters has not yet been received. A

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10. [redacted] Comments. The Central Ordnance and Equipment Depot of the KVP is supposed to be located in Hengersdorf

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